

Bill passes House as suspicion over Iran's nuclear project grows

Washington DC - Today, Congressman John Adler voted to pass the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009 to apply economic pressure on the Iranian regime. The bill, which Congressman Adler cosponsored, provides states with federal authorization to divest from companies that have more than \$20 million in Iran's energy sector. Last week, Congressman Adler urged Chairman Howard Berman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, to move a similar bill.

"The United States, Israel and the rest of the world cannot afford to have a nuclear-armed Iran," Congressman Adler said. "Allowing states and investors to cut their financial ties with Iran is critical to any effort to apply economic and diplomatic pressure. This is a national security issue. Keeping our communities and families safe has to be our top priority."

As Iran continues to threaten regional stability and international security by pursuing a nuclear program, and supporting terrorist groups funded by its energy sector, this bill will allow investors and state and local governments to divest in companies that support Iran's energy industry.